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## HUG students reach out to Iraqis

Refugee family flees homeland after Saddam Hussein orders father, son to join army

JEFFREY HUNTER  
Correspondent

PORTO RAFTI, GREECE — Upon arrival at Harding University's Greece campus, sophomores Jeremy Glover and Kendal Dean had no idea they would reach out to Iraqi refugees this semester.

Sitting down to dinner in the HUG dining room April 11, Glover introduced the group to the Hassans, an Iraqi family he and Dean had befriended during a semester of service and love.

The Iraqi refugee family's journey from the oil fields of Kirkuk in Northern Iraq to the streets of Athens captured the attention of Glover from the first time they met.

"We met [Moyed Hassan] our first Sunday at church," Glover said. "I started talking to him and listening to his story ... I talked to him and pretty much no one else."

Eight months earlier, Hassan was working as a successful geologist in his hometown. His wife, Tunjay, was teaching English at a local primary school, and his two children, Hussein, 13, and Nuray, 11, were at the top of their class. Life was good for Moyed and his family, or at least as good as life could be in Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

The family fled Iraq after Moyed, who holds a masters degree in geology from the University of Baghdad, was ordered to take his son and join the Iraqi army in Basra. Knowing their fate if they chose to follow the order, they sold their house and cars and bribed government officials to get them

the documents necessary to leave the country.

They traveled through Turkey on covered trucks and busses and then stayed the mandatory time in a refugee camp in northern Greece. Three months after fleeing their familiar life, the family arrived on the streets of Athens, homeless and in need of help.

"They lived in an abandoned home by the train station," Glover said. "The owners allowed them to stay for a while and then kicked them out. But we've never heard him say a word of complaint."

Moyed speaks three languages — English, Turkish and Arabic — but is unable to find work in Athens because he does not know Greek. His children are enrolled in a Greek school so that they can learn the language.

The Omonia Church of Christ in downtown Athens, where both the refugee family and Harding students attend, is helping the family with expenses. Harding students have also helped.

"When they introduced him at church, they told how they didn't have anything at all," Glover said. "We decided to help them."

A collection can at the Porto Rafti campus gathered more than 300 Euros for the family.

"The Sunday after we gave him the collection, he kept thanking us over and over again," Glover said. "He is very humble, and he doesn't like taking charity."

Glover and Dean say they will be taking many lessons away from their new friendship this semester.

"I've learned that you don't

know what opportunities God will put in front of you," Glover said. "I was intimidated at first, but I learned to be comfortable and reach outside of my comfort zone."

The fact that he was befriending a citizen of the country that was invading his homeland was not lost on Moyed. He frequently talked about the situation in Iraq and went out of his way to make sure the American students knew the Iraqi people were happy about what was happening, Glover said. Always with a big smile, Moyed even jokingly called the American college students "the enemy" and referred to Iraq as the 51st state.

"It was a huge encouragement to know that the Iraqis really wanted us to help, despite what the world and the media were saying," Glover said. "It made me even more confident that what [the United States] was doing is right."

Not only has the experience with Moyed provided HUG students with a unique perspective on the war, it has also given them new insights on the world situation in general.

"In America, some people are giving Arabs a bad wrap," Glover said. "They aren't all radicals, though. Moyed is one of the most genuinely loving people I've met. You can't judge people by their stereotype."

*Editor's note: Because of personal safety concerns, Moyed and his family asked not to be pictured or interviewed for this story. Their full names have also been withheld. For more of this story, please see The Bison Web site.*

## Spring Sing stomps in



CURTIS SERIGHT / The Bison

Sophomore Jamie Crumbaugh perfects her moves for Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju's performance of "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" during dress rehearsal Tuesday night. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Spring Sing. With the theme "Reel Music," the show features acts depicting classic movies performed on a stage that resembles a famous Hollywood landmark.

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## Five candidates running for Student Association president

MICHELLE SCOBBA  
Contributor

Five Student Association president-hopefuls are organizing their campaigns in preparation for the SA elections scheduled for Wednesday.

Facing off in the upcoming election are seniors Michael Campbell, Troy Helton and Lauren Honea, and juniors Thomas Little and Curtis Seright.

Voting will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the student center and will conclude at 4:30 p.m. In the case of no candidate receiving a majority, a runoff will be held April 25.

On Monday, all of the candidates will have the opportunity to speak for three minutes in chapel to explain the details of their platforms and inform the student body of what they hope to accomplish if elected to office.

Campbell would like to make prayer the central focus of the SA. Beginning in the fall semester, he would like to allocate a continuous month-long period of prayer and fasting. Volunteers could participate by signing up for different time periods.

"I would also like to continue the prayer boxes and institute prayer breakfasts; maybe a prayer board in the student center," he



Campbell



Helton



Honea



Little



Seright

said. "I believe we should have an SA committed to praying about things. When something happens, the first thing we want to do about it is pray and ask God about it."

Campbell would also like to introduce the idea of a response contract. As a member of the SA for two years, he has seen many suggestions from students — some have been successful, while others have fallen through the cracks.

"[The response contract] would commit that, if you give us a suggestion and contact information and after we bring it up in a meeting and check with the proper administrators, we'll get an answer to you by our next meeting," he said. "It's a matter of accountability."

As a presidential hopeful, Helton is setting his sights on increasing participation in service projects.

"I'd love to get a lot more student involvement in service projects," he said. "Our former SA

leaders have done a great job planning projects, but we need more participation from the students. If we had more interesting and fun service projects, people would enjoy serving and would realize that being a Christian and helping others can be fun."

Helton said his definition of an effective student body president includes delegating authority, being a leader that people will follow and being surrounded and influenced by better people.

Lauren Honea, this year's senior representative, said she hopes to reorganize current projects and ideas, making them even better and more efficient. Her main vision is to provide more contact and representation between the student body and the administration, giving both parties the opportunity to ask questions and understand one another.

Honea would also like to provide convenient dining alterna-

tives on campus.

"A lot of students have classes in the Reynolds center all day, and many people spend a lot of time in the Ganus Athletic Center as well," she said. "I'm trying to find a space on that side of campus, a place for a fast-food restaurant, Aramark or another option for lunch. I think it'd be neat if students could get a bite to eat between classes or get a drink after playing in the GAC."

Honea said she would also provide freshmen and sophomores with more activities to get them oriented with the campus and make them feel more included in the student body.

Little said his goals as president would include emphasizing service projects, particularly serving the homeless in Little Rock.

"I am currently involved in a homeless ministry in Little Rock," he said. "I'd like to expand that and get more people involved. I would

also try to find more opportunities to serve the students and the community."

The ministry, which was initiated by senior Adam Kirkland two years ago, consists of 20-25 students who witness to the homeless community.

Seright's platform hinges on making the SA a truly representative governing body.

"I would strive to make sure that anything I did was really representative of the student body, not just what I wanted," he said.

His main goals include trying to open the GAC for longer hours, possibly by stationing a security guard in the building, and instituting a recycling program on campus. He also would like to begin a "Saturday of Service" program that will involve building houses with Habitat for Humanity in Little Rock. For the first year, 10 groups with 25 students each would participate in the program. If it elicited an enthusiastic response, additional groups would have the opportunity to serve.

Candidates for vice president include seniors Toni Edwards and Tim Davis and junior Peter Joe Johnston.

Junior Lauren Clark is running for secretary, and junior Will Copeland and sophomore Paul Murphy are running for treasurer.



# Senior Speech: *The times they are a-changing*

This week has been set aside by the powers that be as senior speech week in chapel. My invitation to impart something of import to future graduating students was apparently lost in the mail, so I will use my own medium to reach the masses.

I've seen change in my Harding quadrennial, lots of it. When I was a freshman we dyed our baby chicks green and we still called our fries "French." We lounged in wading pools in our dorm rooms and we set up our PA systems to make barnyard animal noises at passersby in the quad. We had time for such wasteful activities back then. Where does the time go?

When I arrived we had TCBY and a bowling alley in the student center. Now we have Java City and Freshens.

I remember hearing most of the Harding myths in my first month at school.

They told us "three swings and a ring" and "don't walk under the belltower by yourself or you will be single forever." I failed to heed the latter warning a few weeks later on a dare, no — a double dog dare.

Right after I did it I regretted it, but I fell in love later anyway and, although no rings have been bought, I'm still pretty happy.

I don't know what is the most important lesson I've learned at

Harding. I do know that I have learned a lot of lessons.

Some have been hard, some obvious; but absolutely every one of them has been beneficial. For the sake of reader patience and the quick loss of white space, I have narrowed them

**When I was a freshman we dyed our baby chicks green and we still called our fries "French."**



Jeremy D. Beauchamp

## The View From Here

down to a few helpful nuggets.

First, focus your energy on developing a strong relationship with the Lord while you are young and independent. Recognizing you are really never alone is essential when you feel like your world is crashing in on you.

Second, develop a strong work ethic. It lets future employers know what you can handle and what you are capable of accomplishing in the "real world."

Third, squeeze all the information you can out of your favorite professors and staff members. We are paying them, so get your money's worth. It is worth a lot.

Don't be afraid to ask questions.

Fourth, work on developing worthwhile relationships.

Don't look down on anybody because you aren't worth any more than they are and everyone has useful wisdom that can be beneficial to you.

Be good to everyone — displaying a Christlike attitude reaps benefits that are out of this world.

Finally, be a moral superhero. Stand up against wrong when you see it — whatever form it takes. Don't fear to question things either.

Also, on behalf of pure reason, I implore you to continue asking for the right to wear modest-fitting shorts anytime during the day when it is over 85 degrees in the sweltering Southern heat. Isn't that a natural right?

With these thoughts I leave you. Don't listen if you don't want to. Just the thoughts of an old man ready to begin his young life.

# Focusing on God makes true love worth the wait

Renee Lewis

## Guest Room



So I must offer a disclaimer before I really start my column. I am a girl. Shocking, I know. But as a girl, I am sappy. I have the right to be cheesy every now and then. I don't take pride in acting completely girly. Every now and then, however, being girly is just necessary.

So for all of you guys out there — most of you have already turned to page seven to read the sports by now, I'm sure — I tried to tone down my girliness-level, which isn't usually high, just so you know.

I'm not taking sides this year. I'm not siding with the single, let's sit around and watch movies all weekend, type — although that description has been a perfect fit for me for almost 21 years. I cannot and will not tell a lie — I am perfectly content watching Brad Pitt and Hugh Grant every weekend.

Unfortunately, I envy the other type. I look forward to hopefully someday being the other type. I solace in the idea that someday I will find my Brad Pitt look-a-like and he will ask me how my day went. It makes me happy knowing that God most likely has someone out there that will fit me like ... well, my original line here was "like the glass slipper fit Cinderella" but that was too cheesy for print. So now I just want to say this, God most likely has a guy out there that will fit me decently.

Okay. Warning. The following contains a high level of crazy girl talk. Reader discretion is advised.

I can't wait to be swept off my feet like Sandra Bullock was at the end of "Hope Floats" when she saw pictures of Harry Connick Jr. in the one-hour photo booth. (That part was better and worse than when Bernice's dad left her standing on the curb.) I can't wait to look at that guy and know he's the one like Meg Ryan knew when she saw Tom Hanks on top of the Empire State Building in "Sleepless in Seattle." (I told you this was crazy girl talk.)

For the sake of the male audience's feelings, I would like to throw something in here for them. Remember the

part from "Ocean's Eleven" where the guys walked out of the casino with all of that money? Well, I hope you are excited when you find your Julia Roberts clone like Pitt and George Clooney were after they pulled that stunt off.

While I'm looking forward to this, I'm focusing on my Father. I'm living the best life I can live. I am letting myself grow into the person I want to become. I want to someday make someone completely happy. That means I need to be the best person I can be. I need to be strong spiritually. I need to be strong academi-

cally. I need to be strong emotionally.

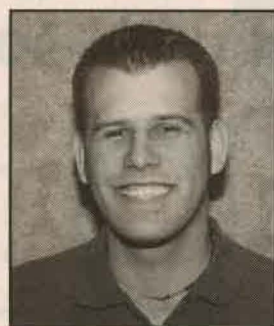
So to those of you who are single out there, cherish this time. Whether we like it or not, our singlehood is a gift and we should not take it for granted. Our time will come. Our moment on top of the Empire State Building awaits us.

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## Speak out: What are your plans after graduation, and how has Harding prepared you for those plans?



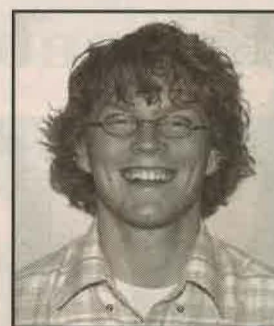
"I'll be attending law school at the University of Colorado ... Harding has prepared [me] for this future by allowing me the privilege of studying under [Dr.] Tom Statom."

Nick Mayle, senior



"After grad school, I plan to church plant in Christchurch, New Zealand with a team that has begun to form ... at Harding. Harding has been my inspiration for reaching out to people in other countries ..."

Rachel Maul, senior



"I'm going to seminary or grad school. My time here has convinced me of my ignorance and need to prepare myself for ministry."

Adam Kirkland, senior



"[I will be attending] University of Texas at Dallas for graduate school in speech therapy. Academically, I feel very competent ... I have learned to integrate God into my academic life."

Angela Boyd, senior

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## Moving back in



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A hutch filled with university memorabilia decorates the newly remodeled second floor of the American Heritage Center. The area received major renovations after it was destroyed by fire in November.

## Students attend rally for scholarships

DeANN THOMAS  
Copy editor

Eight Harding students were among more than 70 college students gathered at the state capitol March 31 to meet with members of the General Assembly in an effort to promote the reinstatement of the Arkansas Academic Challenge, Arkansas Governor's and Arkansas Distinguished Governor's Scholarships.

Arkansas Education Develops Us, an advocacy group led by college students who are lobbying to reinstate the state scholarships and to promote other higher education issues, organized the effort. Arkansas EDU was organized this year after the state stopped offering new scholarships to incoming students and increased the number of hours required for students to maintain scholarships that have already been awarded.

The group's critical argument is that there is a strong correlation between education and the economic

development of the state. Arkansas ranks 49th in the country in both percentage of population with a college degree and average family income, according to the Department of Higher Education. Only 16.7 percent of adults in Arkansas actually have a college degree.

Arkansas EDU claims that a lack of scholarship programs will worsen the problem by making it more difficult for students to attend college and causing students to leave the state for college.

The group gathered at Cotham, a restaurant near the Capitol, at 9 a.m. for a breakfast rally. Christian Hester, executive director of Arkansas EDU, Alison Sutton, chief of finances and campus relations, Stephen Bright, an Arkansas State Representative from Maumelle, and other higher education supporters spoke at the rally.

"I was very impressed with the whole group," said junior Brittany Jamison, an Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship recipient who attended the rally. "Everything was organized by students just like us. They knew exactly what they were talking about and were very fired up about it. I think Arkansas EDU is going to get things changed."

At a press conference later, students were given the opportunity to express their views to the media. Student Association President Zac Lambrecht talked to reporters from Channel 4 news.

"We wanted to get the point across that we do care about education, and we do support the scholarships," Lambrecht said. "This was not just a one-time event. We've been constantly in contact with representatives through e-mail, telephone calls and letter-writing."

After attending the General Assembly session at 2 p.m., the students met with representatives from each of their individual districts. Lambrecht said most of the officials seemed supportive of what Arkansas EDU is trying to accomplish.

"The response we got was great," Lambrecht said. "They couldn't believe students had taken such an initiative to get something done about education. They thanked us for caring about government."

Senior Daniel Henderson, who also attended the gathering, agreed that everyone seemed impressed that college students would care enough about government to take an active role in lobbying for legislation.

"A lot of the time students are the most apathetic voters," Henderson said. "They [the senators and representatives] were excited that the people who are going to be most affected by the bills were there to communicate with them."

Besides lobbying at the capitol, Arkansas EDU has been organizing a massive letter-writing campaign. Students who are currently receiving the Academic Challenge, Governor's and Distinguished Governor's scholarships can submit letters online at [www.arkansasedu.org](http://www.arkansasedu.org).

Arkansas EDU also encourages students, including those from other states, to e-mail or call Arkansas government officials to support scholarship programs.

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# 30th anniversary of show opens in Benson

*Spring Sing 2003 takes its guests on a journey through the splendor of cinema in 'Reel Music,' a tribute to movie tunes.*

## Ko Jo Kai, Ju Go Ju go for three-peat

BETHANY THOMPSON  
Staff writer

With back-to-back Spring Sing wins boosting their energy and confidence, Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju performers are hoping they can continue their winning streak while other clubs seek new ways to take away the John H. Ryan Sweepstakes award.

Sarah Salmin, a director of the 2002 winning show, "Did Somebody Say McDonald's?" said the reason the Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju shows have been so successful is because the girls have been motivated.

"The girls were very driven," Salmin said. "They had a goal and went out there every single time and gave it 100 percent. As a director, you can only do so much. It really is up to the girls to perform it."

While sophomore Jill Kemper and junior Sarah Ward, Ko Jo Kai's directors, hope to continue the winning streak with "Follow the Yellow Brick Road," they said just being part of the show and having fun is worthwhile despite the outcome.

"There is some pressure to win," Ward said. "We try not to push it too much so we can still have fun. We just try to make them do their best. We have some awesome girls, so whatever happens at the end, we'll be happy."

Some other directors are following the examples set by the Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju show in order to

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**Sarah Ward,  
Ko Jo Kai director**

Members of Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina run through their show, "For Richer or Poorer," during Tuesday night's dress rehearsal. While each of the seven club shows are hoping to win the sweepstakes award this year, many participants said they are not focusing on the competition.

improve their own shows.

"I think Kojies and Ju Go Ju put on a great show because they always have so much energy and excitement," senior Sarah Shields, a Zeta Rho director, said. "We want to follow their example. The main thing we tell our performers is that if they have energy, show a lot of facial expression, hit moves tightly and just let themselves enjoy putting on the show, then we have a shot at winning."

The Zeta Rho and TNT show, "Don't Surf on My Turf," is break-

ing the waves with a plot involving lifeguards, surfers and beach babes. Shields said everyone involved in the show is excited about getting to demonstrate everything they've learned.

"The main thing that has helped our show flow together is that each person, including directors, cast and stunts, has contributed immensely and has cooperated," she said. "It has been a wonderful bonding experience — a teamwork effort."

Junior Lindsey Holder, a director for Shantih, said her club's show has a different style than last year. She said "Help, We Need a Hero" will focus more on the performers who have large parts because they will be onstage throughout the entire show instead of entering and exiting in small groups like last year.

"It's not really about winning,"

Holder said. "It's about entertaining. Our two main characters are really fun to watch, and I think we picked songs that are upbeat and are familiar to everyone."

While some shows are changing their tune, others are hanging on to tradition. The King's Men, OEGE and Omega Lambda Chi show, "This Is No Gangster's Paradise," will continue a five-year trend of opening with a quintet.

"People love it," junior Micaela Rolen, OEGE director, said. "We're going to do a little reminiscing with the quintet this year as well. I think that it will be some people's favorite part of the show."

While Rolen admitted the show has been very competitive toward Ko Jo Kai and Ju Go Ju in the past, she said everyone seems to be less focused on winning this year.

"I don't feel a lot of competitiveness with our show," Rolen said. "I think we're trying to improve our show every year, but I don't think competing with other groups has been a focus this year."

A group of new students at an academy compete with their more seasoned classmates in Chi Omega Pi and Delta Gamma Rho's show, "Take It From the Top ... 5, 6, 7, 8."

"We have a great plot," senior Carla Davis, a director for Chi Omega Pi, said. "It's classic and at the same time surprising. The show is very engaging, and I know that the audience will have fun with it."

Chi Sigma Alpha and Regina are trekking to California to dig up some gold in their show, "For Richer or Poorer." Even though only two clubs are involved, the show has 130 people and more than 100 full parts.

"We are really proud of our participation," senior Sam Garner, a Chi Sigma Alpha director, said. "It is going to contribute to a great show."

Along with the great numbers, Garner is expecting crowds to love the music and dancing of the gold rush show.

Delta Chi Delta, Kappa Gamma Epsilon and Tri Kappa are performing as a group for the first time. In their show, "We're Country Fair and Square," groups of girls from the city and from the country trade places while the country girls go to the fair. Sophomore Chantel Mabe said the show reflects the philosophy behind Spring Sing — having fun.

"I think the whole point is just to have fun," Mabe said. "We're trying not to focus on the competition at all. People perform better when they just do their best and have fun anyway."

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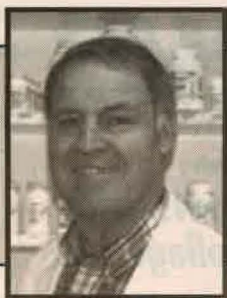
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## Hosts prepare movie magic

TODD RAMSEY  
Staff writer

Without them, Spring Sing would just be a random series of club shows. They provide the audience with direction, transition and style. They are the hosts and hostesses of Spring Sing 2003, and they are about to see all of their hard work pay off.

This year, Jimmie Douglass III, Jennifer Driggers, Holly McDaniel and Trey Talley have stepped up to the mighty task.

Douglass, a senior health care management major, has been involved in theater since he's been at Harding, participating in the Homecoming musicals and Theatron drama ministry.

He is a beau for Shantih and was chosen as the male recipient of the Regina Spirit Award for 2003.

Driggers, a junior elementary education major, is a member of the chorus, Regina social club and is a queen for Chi Sigma Alpha. This is her second year as a hostess.

McDaniel, a sophomore vocal music major, has been involved in theater, playing in "Once Upon a Mattress," and performs with Belles and Beaux.

Talley graduated in 2002 with a youth and family ministry degree and is working on his master of science in education. He is a member of Pied Pipers and Delta Chi Delta social club.

Dottie Frye, host, hostess and ensemble director, is excited about this year's hosts and host-



Graduate student Trey Talley performs a number surrounded by female ensemble members. Talley is one of four students hosting Spring Sing 2003.

esses. They have been working together since November, and she is pleased with the way the group has bonded.

"These four people have been working together for almost six months now," she said. "It's neat to see how they have bonded and are really close now."

McDaniel is glad she has been a part of Spring Sing this year.

"The four of us have bonded really well, and that's what has made it so great," she said. "I love working with the other hosts and hostesses. We've been a lot closer than we were last year, but the show is a lot different and we've

had a lot more time to work on it."

Frye expects a lot out of the hosts and hostesses. She expects them to be leaders not just in word, but also in deed. They have extra practices and are encouraged to learn the choreography well enough to teach it to the ensemble.

"Practice has been a lot of work, but the people involved make it great," Talley said. "I never knew how much more work the hosts and hostesses do. I have a great respect for both the hosts and the ensemble now."

## Spring Sing the most wonderful time of year for local businesses

RENEE LEWIS  
Contributor

Local hotels, restaurants and retail stores are prepared to handle the thousands of guests that are expected to be in town for Spring Sing and Youth Forum this weekend.

The Hampton Inn, 3204 E. Race St., which began taking reservations almost a year ago, is booked up. The 105-room hotel has increased its staff to accommodate guests' needs.

"We beef up our staff and coach them on what all we'll need for the weekend," Tammy Piker, Hampton Inn general manager, said.

On campus, the Heritage Inn began taking reservations Sept. 1 at 7 a.m. for the weekend. The hotel was full within the hour, Vickie Walton, manager said.

Walton said the Heritage Inn staff enjoys the weekend.

"It's really fun," Walton said. "It's a lot of work for our staff, but it is a very enjoyable experience for us."

Amanda Foust, general manager of Holiday Inn Express, 505 Willow St., said the housekeeping staff can expect an increased work load there as well.

"They'll [housekeeping staff] actually have a little more work on their parts," Foust said. "Everything else is pretty much normal."

Besides booking-up hotels for the weekend, Spring Sing visitors are also expected to increase incomes of local eateries and shopping centers. John Roberts, general manager of Little B's Mexican Food and Steak House, 1512 E. Race St., said he expects at least a 20 percent increase in sales from a normal weekend.

"The owner and I love it every time Harding has a speaker, Spring Sing or graduation," Roberts said. "We love it because it [brings in] more money."

Maurices clothing store, 115 N. Poplar St., also expects a good sales weekend, Alice Meredith, manager, said.

"It's a good weekend for us normally," Meredith said. "I'm hoping it will be as busy as last year. The season fell differently this year. This year it was April, last year it was March. So we're trying to catch up."

One of the largest sales increases is expected at the Harding University Bookstore on campus. William Bridges, HUB manager, expects sales to triple from an average school week.

"It's the biggest weekend of the year other than Student Impact," Bridges said.

Bridges started ordering stock for this weekend at the beginning of the semester. Shipments were delayed until March. Even this week, the HUB was still receiving shipments of stock.

With the drop in economy lately, the local boost is appreciated by many merchants.

"We know that the college is a big source of income," Meredith said. "We appreciate the business from the campus and parents that come in. It's a major deal for us."

Although this weekend will probably give businesses stronger bank accounts, a lot of preparation was needed before visitors started arriving on Thursday. Some managers said they've learned to handle the pressure, however.

"We've learned through the years how to prepare for it," Piker said. "And that makes it a lot less stressful."

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## Youth Forum Schedule

### Friday

10 a.m.-2 p.m.—Harding video every half hour, American Heritage Auditorium.

1 p.m.—Celebration! C.L. Kay Plaza.

1:30 p.m.—Financial Aid Seminar, American Heritage Auditorium.

2:30 p.m.—Don McLaughlin, Benson.

3:30 p.m.—Academic Fair, Benson lobby.

7 p.m.—Spring Sing, Benson; "Star Spangled Girl," Administration Auditorium.

10:30 p.m.—Devotional, C.L. Kay Plaza

### Saturday

9:30 a.m.—Belles & Beaux, Benson.

10:15 a.m.—Don McLaughlin, Benson.

11 a.m.-1 p.m.—Harding video every half hour, American Heritage Auditorium.

11 a.m.—Pied Pipers, Reynolds Center Recital Hall.

Noon—Honors Program reception, student center 236.

12:30 p.m.—Don McLaughlin, Benson.

3 p.m.—"Star Spangled Girl," Administration Auditorium.

3 and 7 p.m.—Spring Sing, Benson

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## A night with Gertie the ghost

Student visits Lee Academic Center to test decades-old legend

TODD RAMSEY  
Staff writer

Gertie the ghost: a mystery? A legend? A reality?

Most students have heard about old Gertie the ghost, who supposedly haunts several buildings on campus. This legend dates back even before Harding was in Searcy, back to the days when Galloway College for girls resided on this campus.

The story says that when Galloway College was in its prime, a young girl named Gertrude attended school there. One November evening, she came home from a small party, said goodbye to her date and went to her room. On the way to her room, she thought she heard a noise and headed toward the abandoned elevator shaft.

A blood-curdling scream rang through the hallways, waking the other girls. The dorm mother called the police, and they found Gertrude at the bottom of the shaft, dead.

Several years later, girls from the dorm claimed to see Gertie's ghost in the elevator shaft and on the first floor. Even after the dorm was torn down and Galloway College closed, the legend of Gertie lived on.

Many students have claimed that they have "encountered" Gertie in the Lee building, which was built with the bricks of the old dorm. I decided to test their claims by spending a couple hours there alone Monday night. What follows is the account of my time spent with Gertie.

10:30 - I'm was kind of nervous about my possible encounter with Gertie. I don't really believe in ghosts, but I do believe in my power to scare myself. Hopefully watching clips of "The Ring" wouldn't prove to be a bad idea.

10:45 - I began my walk over, and as I walked I became less and less nervous.

10:47 - I arrived at the building. Officer Wayne Westerholm let me in and showed me around. I went upstairs into the darkness.

10:49 - After walking around for

a few minutes, I sat down at a desk. I realized that this place was going to be scary. It looked a lot like the hallway from "The Shining," with those two scary little girls. I quickly pushed that thought out of my mind.

10:50 - "The Shining" thought came back. I had to think happy thoughts.

11:05 - After 15 minutes of sitting, my first scare came: I forgot my peach Propel! What would I do? As the brave reporter I pressed on, determined to face Gertie.

11:10 - I heard a really loud scream. It took me a moment to realize that Spring Sing practice was over.

11:30 - I kept seeing something out of the corner of my eye. I think I was just getting tired.

11:40 - I heard a low banging noise. I'm not sure where it came from, but it kind of sounded like the low notes of a piano.

11:44 - I saw something in the window down the hallway from me. I bet it was just a car though. Please let it just be a car.

11:57 - I heard the banging noise again. I also thought I saw something move in the classroom across from my desk. I got up to look in the window and saw a face staring back at me. I was scared until I realized it was a mirror-window and I was looking at my face. I really need to shave.

12:04 - The banging returned and lasted longer this time. I also thought I saw something in the windows again.

12:07 - The stairs started creaking, but nobody came up them. I'm pretty scared right now.

12:11 - Something just slammed downstairs. I kind of want to leave, but I don't want to go downstairs. I'll just wait a few more minutes.

12:20 - A noise just broke the silence. The Lee building phone

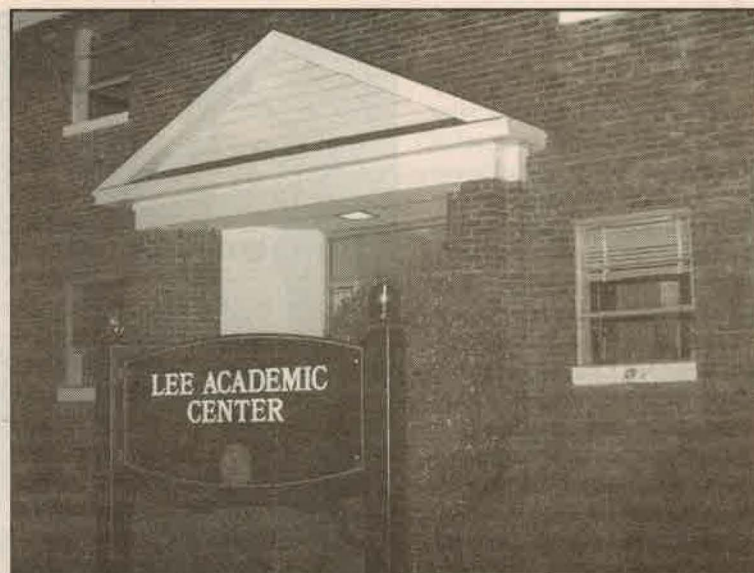
started ringing. I think I'm a little on edge right now.

12:45 - That's it, I'm leaving. I just heard doors open and close downstairs. I also heard a rustling type sound. It's been fun, but I'm leaving.

12:47 - I'm an idiot. The banging and rustling were just two ladies taking out the trash.

I left the Lee building at about 12:50. I had had enough of sitting in the darkness. And I was scared.

So is Gertie real? I don't know. All I know for sure is that sitting in a dark hallway, late at night, with no Propel, can be a little frightening, even for those of us who don't believe in ghosts.



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The Lee Academic Center looks quiet from the outside, but inside Gertie is said to haunt its halls. The legend of Gertie the ghost began before Harding moved to Searcy.

## Patriotic play to fill Spring Sing bill

ELIZABETH DIETZ  
Staff writer

Hold onto your flags; the "Star Spangled Girl" will bring down the house in the Administration Auditorium April 18-21.

Show times on Friday, Sunday and Monday are at 7 p.m. Saturday's performance is at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$4 or free with the Pass and will be sold at the door.

The play, a comedy by Neil Simon, touches on some of the idiosyncrasies of being American. Andy and Norman, two Dartmouth graduates, publish a protest magazine called "Fallout" that picks at the sickness of American society. Life is simple for the pair until Sophie, the epitome of an all-American girl, moves to their hometown

of San Francisco from a town where they sing "all four verses of the Star Spangled Banner."

Norman falls hopelessly in love with Sophie, which sets the comedy rolling into an avalanche of one liners and interpersonal quips.

The directors, junior Ryan Bond and senior Liz Baiocchi, are excited about catering to a larger audience with "Star Spangled Girl."

"Last year's show was 'Dorian Gray,' and all the cast was murdered," Baiocchi said. "We wanted a lighter note. I think this show is appealing to more than the theater-going crowd ... In the 'Star Spangled Girl,' the humor appeals to a broader spectrum."

Junior Nathan Melson plays the role of Andy, the driven editor of "Fallout." Although this is his first major role, Melson brings a sense of debate to the stage. An oral communications major, he turns

Andy's bantering into a political oration and nearly berates Sophie for her provincial and old-fashioned patriotism.

Norman, played by senior Adam Sullivan, is hyperactive, obsessive and brilliant. His rantings are quixotic, and his junior high-like obsession with Sophie takes him over the edge.

Sophie comes in as the antithesis of the gentlemen's philosophy and lifestyle. Senior Hannah Sawyer plays Sophie with style and grace.

The value of the show is that the humor is multifaceted. According to Dr. Morris Ellis, professor of communication, the script is one that each audience member can take something different from.

"It's a fundamental of the field that you can make any word mean anything," he said.

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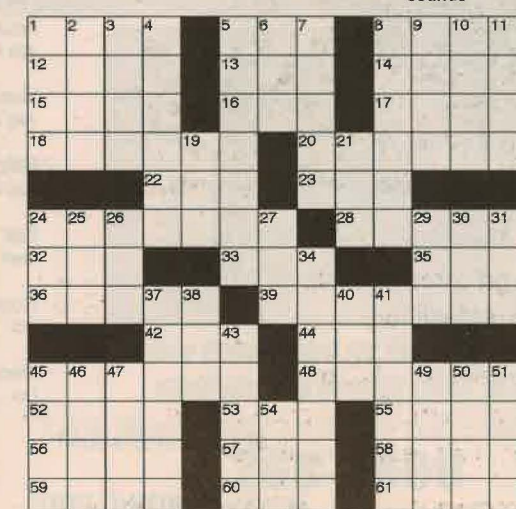
- 1 Congress (abbr.)
- 5 Warp yarn
- 8 Post
- 12 Winglike
- 13 Inlet
- 14 Icelandic tale
- 15 Dodecanese island
- 16 Noun-forming (suf.)
- 17 Conduct
- 18 Slow: music
- 20 Caulk lightly
- 22 Thing (Lat.)
- 23 Yangtze tributary
- 24 Dog
- 28 Brit. trout
- 32 Red horse
- 33 Detective
- 35 Malt liquor
- 36 White poplar
- 39 Yet (2 words)
- 42 Dadaist
- 44 Atl. Coast Conference
- 45 Inconsiderable (abbr.)
- 48 Of the nostrils
- 52 Oriental nursemaid
- 53 Eur. Economic Community (abbr.)
- 55 Sleeping
- 56 Calcium oxide
- 57 Civil War commander
- 58 SW US cotton
- 59 Volcano crater
- 60 Approves (contr.)
- 61 Cheese

### DOWN

- 1 House (Sp.)
- 2 Foul-smelling
- 3 Hottentot
- 4 Fetish
- 5 It. poet
- 6 More!
- 7 Group
- 8 Yellow
- 9 Arabian Sea gulf
- 10 Killer of Castor
- 11 Load
- 19 Comparative (suf.)
- 21 Laughter sounds
- 24 Camel hair cloth
- 25 Capture
- 26 Stain
- 27 Mesh
- 29 Women in the Air Force (abbr.)
- 30 Guido's note (2 words)
- 31 Grandfather of Saul
- 34 Lots
- 37 Foam
- 38 Transgress
- 40 Fiddler crab genus
- 41 Tight spot
- 43 Pelvis (pref.)
- 45 Tree
- 46 Bowfin
- 47 Buddhist monk
- 49 In the same place (Lat.)
- 50 Eelworm
- 51 Dutch cheese
- 54 Mouse-spotter's cry

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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# Running for Harding has taken Haavikko far away from home

CAIREY TAI  
Staff writer

It's been a long run for senior track star Hanna Haavikko, who, according to coach Steve Guymon, has helped to make Harding's program one of the top Division II programs in the country.

Although Haavikko started running competitively at the age of 8 in her hometown of Hameenlinna, Finland, she says her career in track was a gradual development.

"When I was a little kid, I was really fast and good at games that involved running," Haavikko said. "I think it was my grandmother who first noticed it and said to me, 'I guess you're going to be a runner.'"

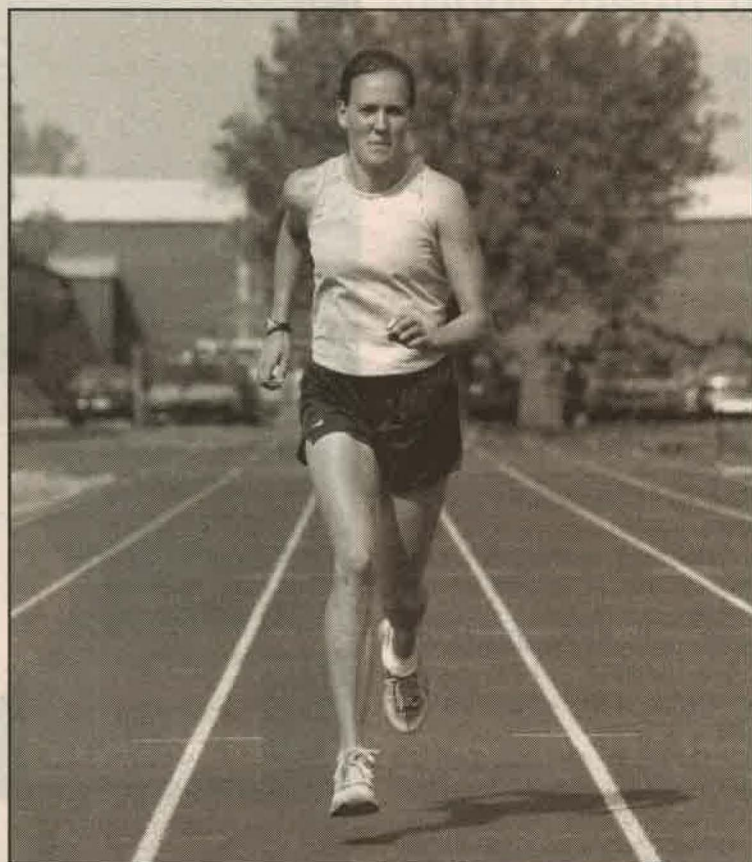
Soon, teachers also noticed how fast Haavikko was. One of them entered her in a race, and soon after she found she liked competing and joined the track and field club at school. When she was 16, Haavikko began distance running and was ranked in the top three at the Finish National Championships.

In the spring of 1999, Haavikko moved to the United States on her first athletic scholarship, from Tulane University in New Orleans. Her scholarship was only for 18 months, and she went back to Finland when it ended.

Haavikko thought that it was the end of her time in America and summed up the experience as a chance to learn English. But in the summer of 2000, a call came from Bryan Phillips, then the track coach at Harding, asking Haavikko to join the Lady Bisons.

"At first, it was hard for me to adjust with the language problems, but I'm glad I made the decision," Haavikko said. "I like the Christian environment here better, and it's more homey than it was in New Orleans."

While at Harding, Haavikko



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Senior Hanna Haavikko practices Tuesday at Ted Lloyd Track. Haavikko, who came to Harding from Finland and started her college career at Tulane University, has qualified for the NCAA Division II Nationals in the 800- and 1,500-meter events.

## Track schedule

**Saturday**  
Alabama-Huntsville  
Invitational  
**April 25-26**  
Drake Relays  
**May 3**  
University of Texas-  
Arlington Relays  
**May 10**  
Emporia State  
**May 22-24**  
Division II Outdoor  
National Championships  
(Edwardsville, Ill.)

has set the school records at 800 meters, one mile and the 1,500 meters. She is also the recipient of six All-American titles. During this, her last outdoor season,

Haavikko has qualified in the Nationals to run in the 1,500 meters and, according to coach Guymon, has been doing well in practices with recent times of 2:06 for the 800 and 4:23 for the 1,500.

"The hardest thing about working with Hanna is that she expects perfection," Guymon said. "She competes very hard and doesn't back down to anybody, so it's fun to watch her."

Haavikko, a Health Care Management major, hopes to find a job where she can combine her love of working with children and track. In the future, she would like to run for the Finish National Team again and run in some road races in the United States.

"It's hard to leave these people, and I don't really think I've realized it yet — I don't want to think about it," Haavikko said. "But it's been an honor for me to represent the university, and I'm thankful for all their support."

## Big weekend in Arkadelphia



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Trying to return the shot, sophomore David Ferreira stretches for the ball during a recent match. The tennis teams open Gulf South Conference Tournament play at 8:30 a.m. Friday in Arkadelphia. The Bisons (17-4, No. 2 West) will take on Lincoln Memorial (No. 3 East), while the No. 28 Lady Bisons (14-7, No. 4 West) face No. 6 West Florida (No. 1 East). The semifinals and finals are Saturday.

## For the record

### BASEBALL (32-13, 15-9 GSC)

Harding 15, @Arkansas Tech 12 (14 inn.)  
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W-M. Connett(3-0) L-D. Jones(4-2) T-4:35 A-254  
@Arkansas Tech 7, Harding 3  
Harding 100 020 0 - 3 10 2  
Arkansas Tech 201 112 X - 7 9 0  
W-J. Fannin(4-4) L-A. Gurley(4-3) T-1:58 A-157  
@Arkansas Tech 2, Harding 0  
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W-J. Heslep(6-0) L-M. Walter(6-2) T-2:01 A-124  
@Arkansas Tech 6, Harding 4  
Harding 001 300 0 - 4 4 0  
Arkansas Tech 310 020 X - 6 9 0  
W-T. Willing(2-4) L-J. James(3-1) T-2:18 A-111  
@Harding 4, Ouachita Baptist 1  
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Harding 000 301 X - 4 7 2  
W-Goodrich(6-2) L-Carpenter(0-5) T-1:48 A-240  
@Harding 7, Ouachita Baptist 4  
Ouachita Baptist 000 031 0 - 4 8 0  
Harding 100 150 X - 7 10 0  
W-M. Connett(4-0) L-A. Sutton(1-5) T-1:35 A-170  
@Harding 5, Ouachita Baptist 3  
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Harding 400 100 X - 5 8 2  
W-M. Walter(7-2) L-R. Macon(2-6) T-1:37 A-185  
@Harding 3, Ouachita Baptist 1  
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Harding 000 003 X - 3 6 0  
W-J. James(4-1) L-J. Fleming(2-6) T-1:36 A-165  
@Harding 5, Ozarks (Ark.) 5  
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W-B. Kimbrough(2-3) L-B. Swift(0-2) T-2:05 A-150

### MEN'S TENNIS (17-4)

@Harding 9, Christian Brothers 0  
S1. David Ferreira def. Matt Gage, 6-0, 6-0  
S2. Andrew Giron def. Bob Dalsania, 6-1, 6-0  
S3. Artur Sikora def. Tom Hardin, 6-0, 6-1  
S4. Derek Bullington def. Truc Nguyn, 6-0, 6-0  
S5. Stephen Paine def. Amar Bhula, 6-0, 6-0  
S6. Taylor Tinsley def. Pedro Jacobson, 6-2, 6-0  
D1. Schmidt/Bullington def. Gage/Bhula, 8-0  
D2. Paine/Giron def. Nguyn/Hardin, 8-1  
D3. Ferreira/Tinsley def. Jacobson/Dalsania, 8-3  
@Harding 5, @Delta State 4  
S1. Ale Alvez def. Ferreira, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5  
S2. Giron def. Julien Hugon, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1  
S3. Sikora def. Fabien Guardiola, 7-5, 6-0  
S4. Klaus Schmidt def. F. Carlomagno, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4  
S5. Stephen Paine def. Laurent Fausquelle, 6-4, 6-2  
S6. Jeffery Farris def. Bullington, 6-3, 7-6  
D1. Hugon/Alvez def. Schmidt/Ferreira, 8-4  
D2. Guardiola/Carlom. def. Sikora/Bullington, 8-5  
D3. Paine/Giron def. Fausquelle/van Dyk, 8-1  
@Harding 9, @Missouri-Rolla 0  
S1. Giron def. Steve Pesch, 6-1, 6-1  
S2. Ferreira def. Arturo Gutierrez, 6-0, 6-1  
S3. Schmidt def. Michael Boeckmann, 6-4, 6-2

### S4. Paine def. Jorge Lopez, 6-2, 6-2

S5. Bullington def. Michael Droszcz, 6-0, 6-3  
S6. Taylor Tinsley def. Jeff Ward, 6-1, 6-1  
D1. Schmidt/Ferreira def. Posch/Boeckmann, 8-5  
D2. Giron/Paine def. Lopez/Gutierrez, 8-3  
D3. Bullington/Tinsley def. Droszcz/Ward, 8-0  
Ouachita Baptist 8, @Harding 1  
S1. Giron def. Guillaume Coubard, 7-6, 3-6, 11-9  
S2. Andre Edwall def. Ferreira, 6-3, 6-3  
S3. Pierre Perez def. Sikora, 6-2, 6-1  
S4. Federico Pinaluba def. Schmidt, 2-6, 6-2, 10-6  
S5. Tjeerd Star def. Bullington, 6-0, 6-4  
S6. Alejandro Chong def. Paine, 6-4, 6-2  
D1. Lagarde/Coubard def. Schmidt/Ferreira, 8-2  
D2. Edwall/Star def. Sikora/Bullington, 8-2  
D3. Pinaluba/Chong def. Giron/Paine, 8-6  
@Harding 9, Ozarks (Ark.) 0  
S1. Ferreira def. Greg Gilliam, 6-2, 6-1  
S2. Giron def. Zack Schiff, 6-0, 6-2  
S3. Schmidt def. Taylor Dodds, 6-1, 6-2  
S4. Bullington def. Paul Northcutt, 6-0, 6-0  
S5. Paine def. John Manning, 6-0, 6-0  
S6. Tinsley def. Dan Benton, 6-0, 6-2  
D1. Schmidt/Ferreira def. Gilliam/Dodds, 8-1  
D2. Giron/Paine def. Schiff/Northcutt, 8-0  
D3. Bullington/Tinsley def. Manning/Benton 8-1

### WOMEN'S TENNIS (14-7)

@Harding 9, Christian Brothers 0  
S1. Laura Tollett def. Sarah Stinnett, 6-1, 6-0  
S2. Daniela Corrales def. Whitney Appling, 6-0, 6-0  
S3. Carolina Banuelos def. Meredith Cru, 6-0, 6-0  
S4. Margareta Dujmovic def. M. Bates, 6-1, 6-0  
S5. Sara Campbell won by default  
S6. Kelcy Fry won by default  
D1. Tollett/Dujmovic def. Stinnett/Appling, 8-0  
D2. Banuelos/Campbell def. Crum/Bates, 8-1  
D3. Lutes/Fry won by default  
@Delta State 5, Harding 1  
S2. S. van der Merwe def. Dujmovic, 6-1, 6-0  
S4. Paula Ferguson def. Banuelos, 6-4, 6-0  
S6. Mandy Sarar def. Briana Lutes, 6-0, 6-1  
D1. Owen/Ferguson def. Dujmovic/Corrales, 8-2  
D2. Tollett/Banuelos def. Van Blerk/Thalamy, 8-6  
D3. Salas/van der Merwe def. Lutes/Campbell, 8-0  
@Central Arkansas 6, Harding 3  
S1. Maja Kovacev def. Marcella Chisca, 6-1, 6-1  
S2. Milica Radovic def. Tollett, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3  
S3. D. Bogdanovic def. Dujmovic, 6-1, 6-0  
S4. Campbell def. Sandra Biagojevic, 6-1, 6-0  
S5. Corrales def. Tora Parekh, 6-3, 6-1  
S6. Sanja Stankovic def. Banuelos, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5  
D1. Dujmovic/Chisca def. Kovacev/Blag, 8-2  
D2. Bogdanovic/Parekh def. Tollett/Banuelos, 9-8  
D3. Stankovic/Radovic def. Corrales/Campbell, 8-3  
Ouachita Baptist 7, @Harding 2  
S1. Victoria Domina def. Chisca, 6-0, 6-1  
S2. Helena Besovic def. Tollett, 6-1, 6-2  
S3. Brenda Magnetti def. Dujmovic, 6-1, 6-0  
S4. C.L. Ascarte def. Campbell, 6-0, 6-0  
S5. Inga Ziemia def. Corrales, 6-2, 6-0  
S6. Banuelos def. Casey Danner, 6-1, 6-0  
D1. Magnetti/Domina def. Dujmovic/Chisca, 8-1  
D2. Ascarte/Besovic def. Tollett/Banuelos, 8-2  
D3. Corrales/Campbell def. Danner/Ziemia, 8-3

### GOLF

#### Freed-Hardeman Invitational

April 7-8 at Henderson, Tenn.

Aaron Farley (1)	70-78	148
Aaron Reid (t-15)	74-85	159
Matt Hall (18)	86-74	160
Travis Lauterbach (t-19)	82-79	161
Adrian Morgan (34)	83-86	169
TEAM (1st place)	309-316	625

#### Gulf South Conference Tournament

April 14-15 at Hot Springs Country Club

#### Team Standings

1. West Florida	291-293-294	878
2. Central Arkansas	290-300-293	883
3. North Alabama	298-299-291	888
4. Arkansas Tech	298-295-296	889
5. Delta State	296-306-303	905
6. Ouachita Baptist	296-307-305	908
7. Valdosta State	302-297-310	909
7. Henderson State	299-310-300	909
9. Montevallo	302-315-313	930
10. Southern Arkansas	317-322-314	953
11. Christian Brothers	330-315-320	965
12. Harding	320-324-328	972
13. Lincoln Memorial	331-322-321	974
14. Ark.-Monticello	340-332-328	1,000

### TRACK

#### Provisional qualifiers to date for NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championships

Hannah Haavikko: 800m (4:37.39 at Texas Relays)  
Haavikko: 1,500m (2:12.50 at McDonnell Invitational)  
Janet Kogo: 3,000m (10:17.17 at McDonnell Invite)  
Sarah Reardon: 10,000m (37:37.47 at Texas Relays)  
Reed Fisher: 1,500m (3:50.85 at McDonnell Invite)  
Tyler Kemmerer: 400m (47.20 at McDonnell Invite)  
Jacob Rotich: 5,000m (14:33.00 at Harding Invite)  
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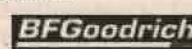
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# Bisons swinging for GSC tourney bid

## Key series at Central Arkansas opens today

CODY USHER  
Staff writer

The baseball team is in the postseason hunt for the second consecutive year.

The Bisons are looking to clinch their second-ever bid to the Gulf South Conference Tournament, to be held this year May 3-6 in Millington, Tenn.

But for the Bisons to reach the tournament, they must finish in the top three spots in the West Division. The Bisons stand at 15-9 in GSC play, tied for third place with Arkansas Tech. The Wonder Boys hold the tiebreaker.

The road to Millington is not easy. Harding (32-13) has a four-game set against fifth-place Central Arkansas starting today in Conway. Next weekend, the Bisons close GSC play at home with a four-game series against the No. 2 team in the nation, Delta State. Arkansas Tech plays at Delta State this weekend and closes at home next weekend against Arkansas-Monticello.

Despite the tough road ahead, coach Shane Fullerton is confident in his team.

"The conference race is very exciting," Fullerton said. "You can't ask for more from a team with such a competitive nature, for the race to come down to the wire."

The GSC features six of the

### GSC Baseball

West Division	GSC	All
Delta State	21-3	37-7
Southern Arkansas	22-6	35-13
Arkansas Tech	15-9	25-19
Harding	15-9	32-13
Central Arkansas	10-13	19-22
Henderson State	9-15	20-26
Arkansas-Monticello	9-17	19-25
Christian Brothers	5-17	10-27
Ouachita Baptist	3-20	5-34

Upcoming games  
Today-Sunday (Four-game series)  
No. 25 Harding at Central Arkansas  
Christian Brothers at Ouachita Baptist  
Henderson State at No. 11 Southern Ark.  
Arkansas Tech at No. 2 Delta State  
April 25-27 (Four-game series)  
No. 2 Delta State at No. 25 Harding  
Central Arkansas at Christian Brothers  
Ouachita Baptist at Henderson State  
Arkansas-Monticello at Arkansas Tech  
End of Regular Season

nation's top 30 teams in Division II, the most ranked teams in one conference. In one national poll, Delta State ranks second, Southern Arkansas is 11th, West Georgia is 14th, West Florida is 24th and Valdosta State is 26th. In another — a top 25 list sponsored by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association — Harding broke in at No. 25 this week.

"It's an honor to earn a spot in a tournament as prestigious as ours," Fullerton said. "It's a conference that I think is the toughest in Division II."

The players are excited to be in this situation, too.

"Reaching the tournaments was our goal at the beginning of

the year," sophomore center fielder Brandon Kimbrough said.

"Now we find ourselves tied for third place and playing against Central Arkansas. It's a pretty big series."

Central Arkansas comes into this weekend with a 10-13 record in GSC play and an 18-22 overall mark. The Bears feature one of the top offenses in the conference, hitting .325 as a team, third in the GSC. They are led by Zak Clark, who is hitting .401. UCA's pitching, however, ranks 15th in the Gulf South. The Bears have a team ERA of 7.35.

Harding, on the other hand, boasts one of the GSC's elite pitching staffs. The staff ERA is 2.88, second behind only West Florida. Three of HU's regular starters rank in the top 10 in GSC ERAs.

The Bisons are coming off of a four-game weekend sweep of Ouachita Baptist. In that series, sophomore Justin Cone set a new school record for most home runs in a season, by hitting his 11th and 12th of the year. He broke the record he tied last season by hitting a grand slam to give the Bisons the lead in game two on Saturday.

"I'm really proud of him," Fullerton said. "The record should be his. He should be the most prolific home run hitter we've ever had. But he's just not a home run hitter; he's a consistent hitter and a clutch hitter."



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Junior Mark Connett rounds third base Tuesday during the Bisons' 6-5 nonconference victory over University of the Ozarks at Jerry Moore Field. Connett doubled twice, scored twice and put down a sacrifice bunt that helped Harding score the game-winning run in the eighth inning.

## Baseball team pushing HU record book in several categories

RYAN COOK  
Sports editor

With eight games to play in the 2003 regular season, the Harding baseball team has already broken three school records and tied another.

Senior pitcher Matt Walter notched his 21st career victory March 29 against Crichton College, setting a new HU mark for career wins. The old record of 20 was held by James Mayes (1984-87).

Walter, who boasts a career ERA under 4.00 and a 21-12 overall record, has a 6-2 record in 2003 and has completed five of the nine games he's started.

"Matt's had a good year," Fullerton said. "Matt's been a consistent performer for us for four years, and he's one of those guys I was really rooting for this year to have a good year in his last season."

Fullerton said Walter, along with senior Aaron Gurley, have saved their best seasons for last.

"As seniors, [they] have come in and been all over the strike zone this year," Fullerton said. "They've walked very few guys and struck out a whole bunch. Matt, in what he has done, has kind of personified what we've wanted out of all of our pitchers this year."

Walter's recent loss, a 4-2 decision April 6 at Arkansas Tech, was a matter of the offense not scoring enough runs, Fullerton said.

"The only time Matt has really been hit and didn't have it was that first game against West



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Sophomore Justin Cone makes a play at first base during the Bisons' April 1 victories against LeMoyne-Owen. Cone, who has served the Bisons as a pitcher, first baseman and designated hitter, broke the school record for career home runs Saturday with a pair against Ouachita Baptist. He has 12 home runs this season.

Florida," Fullerton said. "Other than that, he has been really solid all year."

A 26th-round draft pick by the Seattle Mariners, Walter instead decided to play for the Bisons.

"He's a guy that we'd really like to see some attention given to [by major-league organizations]," Fullerton said. "We've had several guys that have come to see him early in the year. Hopefully, they'll see him again and take a chance on him."

While Walter's HU career is drawing to a close, sophomore first baseman/pitcher Justin

"[Sophomore] Justin [Cone] will do a lot of damage to our offensive record book."

### Coach Shane Fullerton

his 5-2 pitching record with a 2.00 ERA.

His average is down a bit and his ERA is up as a sophomore, but Cone has played an important role on the team both years, Fullerton said.

"Justin hit way up there as a freshman, and he's leading our team right now in batting average," Fullerton said. "He kind of had a slow start. Everybody and their dog was pitching around Justin the first half of the year, and they still are."

Cone's hot streak came at the end of last season, as well. He hit all 11 of his home runs in his final 67 at-bats of 2002.

Junior Morgan Trotter, HU's starting third baseman, drove in his 114th career run Tuesday in Harding's 6-5 win against the University of the Ozarks.

His 114 career RBI is a new school record. Trotter also holds the school record for RBI in a season with 54 in 2002.

Tuesday's win, which was the Bisons' 11th in a row at Jerry Moore Field, tied the school record for victories in a season. The record was set last season.

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Freshman Travis Lauterbach watches a putt during practice. The Bisons concluded their season with a 12th place finish at the GSC Tournament.

## Golf takes 12th at GSC tourney

The golf team concluded its season Monday and Tuesday with a 12th place finish in the 14-team Gulf South Conference Tournament at the Hot Springs Country Club.

The Bisons shot a 972 for the three-round event, two strokes ahead of Lincoln Memorial and 28 strokes ahead of Arkansas-Monticello.

Senior Aaron Farley tied for 40th place (236) to lead the Bisons. Freshman Matt Hall shot a 238 to tie for 43rd place. Sophomore Adrian Morgan (251, 58th) and freshmen Aaron Reid (254, 60th) and Travis Lauterbach (256, 64th) also competed for Harding.

West Florida took home its third consecutive team title with a team score of 878. Central Arkansas' Kent Manion had the best individual score — a 2-under 214.